IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BERTELSHOFER

In re Application of:)
THOMAS BERTELSHOFER et al.)
Int. Appl. No.: PCT/EP00/07142)
Int. Filing Date: July 26, 2000)
For: TENSIONER FOR A TRACTION DRIVE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C) which were cited in the International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office with regard to the corresponding international patent application No. PCT/EP00/07142 and references D) to E) which were cited in the German Search Report issued by the

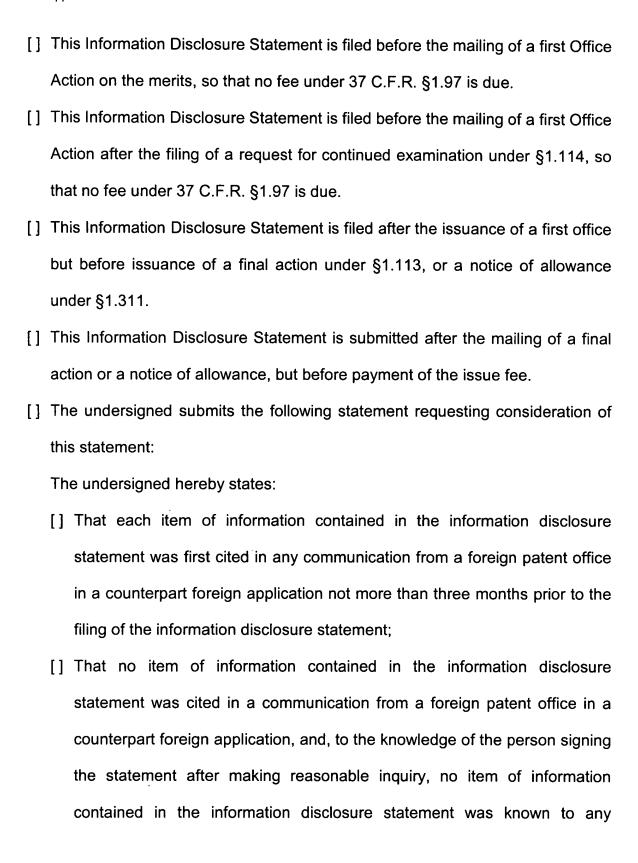
German Patent Office with regard to the corresponding German patent application No. 299 14 381.3. References A) and C) were also cited in the German Search Report. Reference A) and D) are cited also in the instant specification.

Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 44 26 666 A	Schaeffler W.	02-01-1996
B)	Europe	EP 0 400 772 A	Litens Automotive	12-05-1990
C)	Germany	DE 37 28 158 A	Kotzab	03-09-1989
D)	Germany	DE 32 25 411 A1	Litens Automotive	02-03-1983
E)	Germany	DE 40 10 928 A1	Magna International	10-10-1991

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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